¥300
¥200
Thank you very much.
rustle
rustle
squeeze squeeze
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町田くんの世界

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【まちだくんのせかい】

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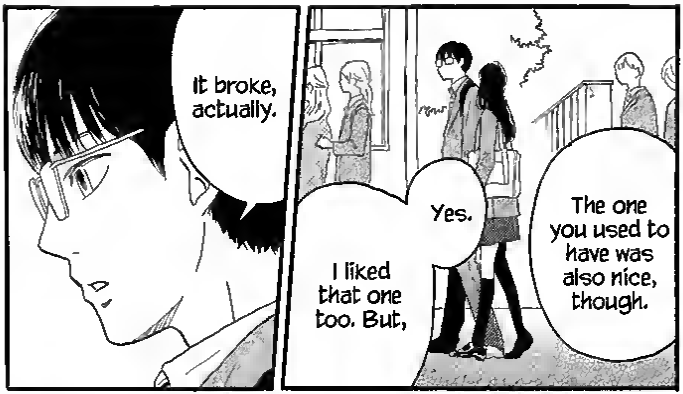
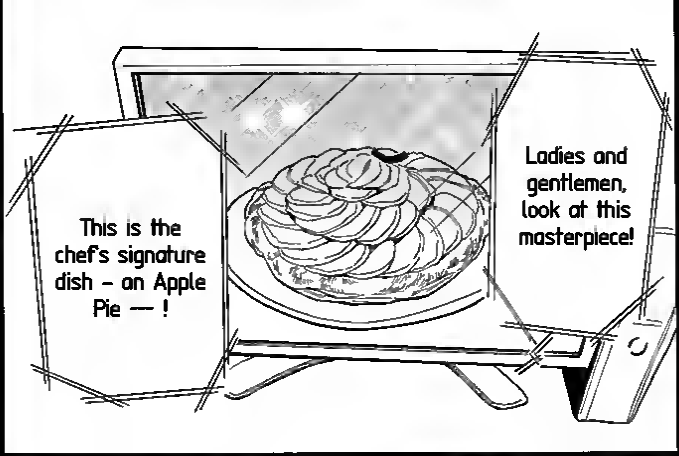
I've become a second year student
Oh!

Your backpack
Good morning, Machida-kun
It's new, isn't it!
Good morning to you, too. Inohara-san
Is that so? It's lovely
My Dad got this for me.
Yes

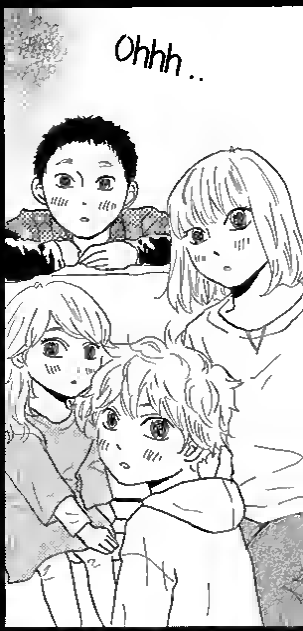

It broke, actually.
Yes.
I liked that one too. But,
The one you used to have was also nice, though.

How...
A backpack breaking? You don't hear that very often.
Oh, really?
Well, apples

Apples?
Into your bag? Why?
I was pushing them into my bag rather forcibly, and
One strap completely tore off.



*THE MOM IS ADDRESSING MACHIDA



YES...
Wow!
It's crispy on the outside and juicy on the inside
Indeed, this Apple Pie is splendid —!
OHHH.
.....
I FANCY AN APPLE PIE.
APPLE PIE.

splash
splash
splash
ARE YOU MAKING AN APPLE PIE, MOM!?
APPLE PIE!?
Really, an apple pie!
Ahhh, O-nii-chan...
.....
ACTUALLY, MOM WOULD REALLY LIKE TO FULFILL ONII-CHAN'S WISH IT'S ALL RIGHT ONCE IN A WHILE, ISN'T IT——?
clink
.....
gasp

AH, WHEN I WAS WATCHING THAT TV PROGRAM,
IT SIMPLY MADE ME FEEL LIKE EATING SOME. THAT'S ALL
Really — You were not watching that TV program at all ~~
Touched.
Really —, you easily make my heart skip a beat
Apples are heavy to carry. So I told my mom I would get them on the way home.
And so,
I see. So that's why the backpack's strap broke?
Yes

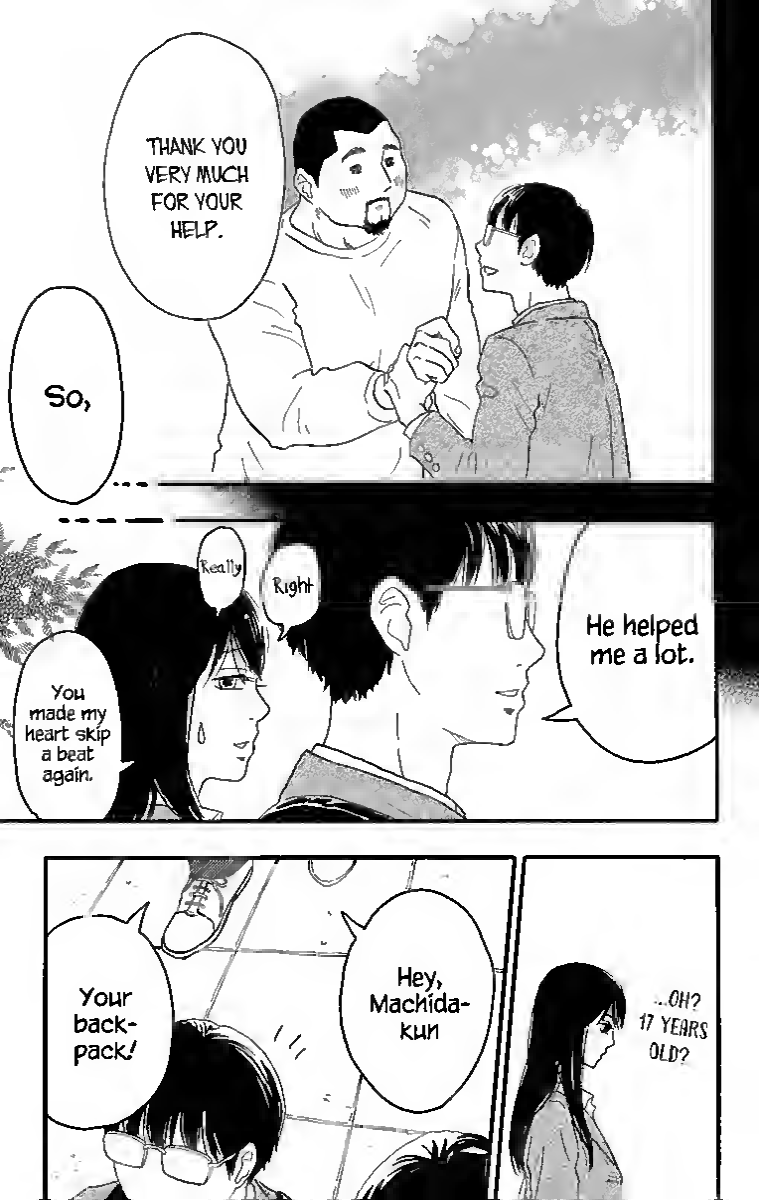
OH, DEAR, DEAR.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
.....
I see. But, after that, you had trouble, I guess.
Since all your belongings in that bag were scattered all over, right?
Indeed
However,
LET ME HELP YOU

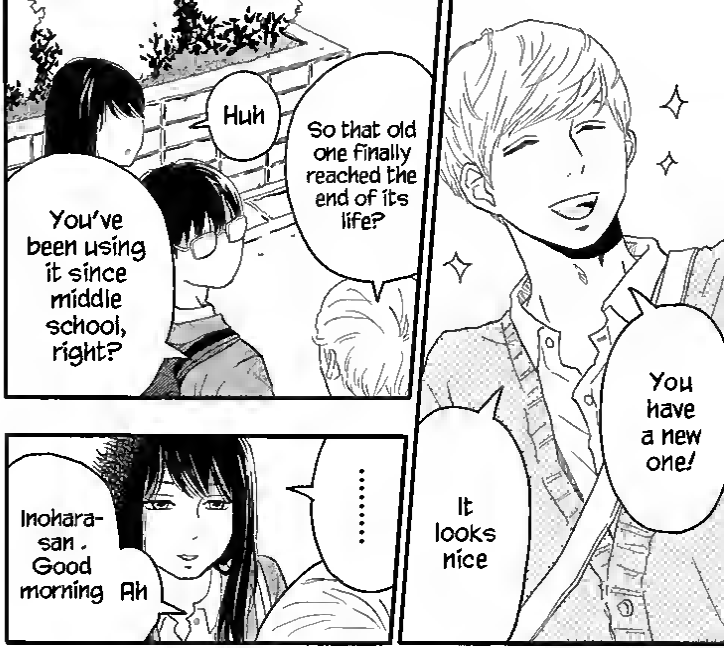
WHAT A GOOD BOY~ YOU GOT LOTS OF APPLES
YOU'RE HELPING YOUR MOM?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
GOSH! YOU'RE SO PRECIOUS!
WELL THIS IS NOT SO MUCH AS "HELPING MY MOM," THOUGH..
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
.....
I'M 17 YEARS OLD NOW.
OHH~
OH? A NECKLACE.
DOES IT BELONG TO YOU?
NO
Someone must have dropped it here.
Ah, this is cheap stuff—.

IT SHOULD BE THROWN AWAY
THAT LADY. MAYBE SHE'S LOOKING FOR THIS NECK-LACE ?
HMM?
AH, PROBABLY NOT, I THINK.
BECAUSE, LOOK AT HER, SHE'S WEAR-ING EXPENSIVE THINGS ALL OVER .
HOW COULD SHE HAVE SUCH A CHEAP THING?
.....

I'M GOING TO ASK HER.
WHY? SHE MIGHT LAUGH AT YOU?
EVERYTHING HAS ITS OWN NATURE AND VALUE
SO WE SHOULDN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER.

SHE RECEIVED IT AS A PRESENT FROM HER CHILD
APPA-RENTLY, THAT PARTICULAR NECKLACE
YES, THAT BELONGED TO HER AFTER ALL
HERE, THIS IS YOUR BACKPACK, RIGHT?
YOU'RE REALLY SUCH A PRECIOUS CHILD
grip
Oh, sorry I shouldn't do that ♡
squeeze
THANK YOU


THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.
So,
He helped me a lot.
Right?
Really
You made my heart skip a beat again.
..OH? 17 YEARS OLD?
Hey, Machida-kun
Your back-pack!


Huh
So that old one finally reached the end of its life?
You've been using it since middle school, right?
You have a new one!
It looks nice
.....
Inohara-san. Good morning
Ah

SMUG
Well, during spring break,
Machida-kun and I went to his middle school class reunion together.
Perhaps, you want to ask me why I know so much about his old backpack, right?
I didn't ask anything though

I didn't start using it in middle school
That back-pack.
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M HIS BEST FRIEND
HUH
.....

been using it since further back
I've
HAJIME
YOUR SCHOOL BAG...
ARE YOU REALLY HAPPY USING IT?

THIS WILL BE GOOD.
YOU'RE ENTERING MIDDLE SCHOOL NOW. SO, LET'S GET A NEW ONE. OKAY?
SERIOUSLY? IT'S SUCH A RATTY OLD BAG
I USED TO USE THIS BACKPACK, TOO.
SO IT'S REALLY OLD
YES, I AM.
It's ratty, really ratty — A relic of the past —
Hmm
A RATTY OLD BAG? I DON'T THINK SO.
I took good care of it, actually.
IT'S REALLY A RATTY OLD BAG. HEY, HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU BOUGHT THIS ONE?
I WAS 17 YEARS OLD.
THIS IS THE ONE I WANT TO USE.

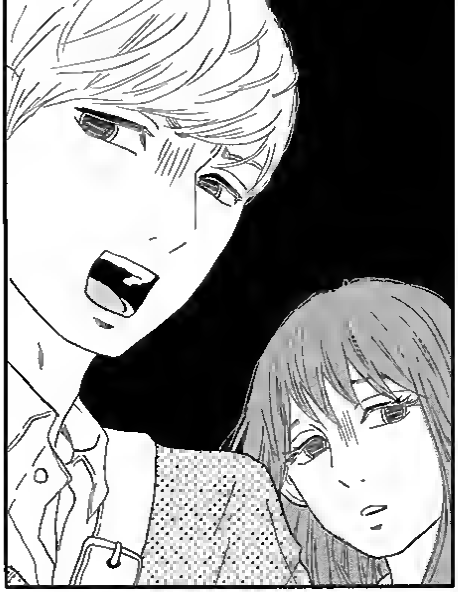
I'M GOING TO SCHOOL WITH THIS BAG.
I WILL USE THIS BACK-PACK JUST LIKE YOU DID IN THE PAST, DAD.
REALLY
OKAY, HAJIME
BUT I HAVE A SUGGESTION

I BOUGHT THIS BACKPACK
WHEN I WAS 17 YEARS OLD
SO
ON YOUR 17TH BIRTHDAY, HAJIME,
I'LL BUY A NEW BACK-PACK FOR YOU. HOW'S THAT?

But, if that one breaks before your fifth birthday, we're definitely getting a new one, all right——?
YES
……
……
That's...
a lovely story
yep
Do you think so?
Definitely

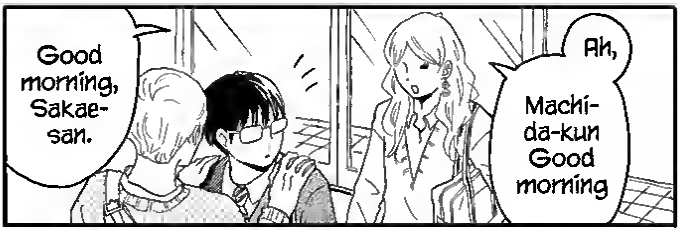
broke. So, you went shopping with him and got this new one?
Unfortunately, that old backpack
.....
.....
Well?
When I got home that day,
This had already been delivered, sent by my Dad
Well. Ahh?
Machida-kun

"Why"?
Why did she make an apple pie?
Your Mom, by the way,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY ONII-CHANNNN



When was your birthday!?
Why!? When!?
Ahh, .. yesterday.
Why didn't you tell me!?
Huh...

I should have done that?


Good morning, Sakae-san.
Ah, Machi-da-kun Good morning

Yesterday was your birthday, wasn't it?
a present from me
Here you go
Oh right

You told Sakae-san...
But you didn't tell me
grit
Machida-kun, you dumb dummy—!
DASH
What was that? Rather, I've never seen Hanaro-kun behave like that. He really surprised me
.....

Inohara-san?
.....
To you, Machida-kun,
your birthday isn't much of a special day, is it?
...It is special, though?

I feel lonely.
...If that's the case,
I really wanted you to tell me about it.
Lone-ly?
I'm going first
Class...

Sakae-san, if you found out about my birthday late, would you feel lonely too?
Not really? I don't feel lonely though
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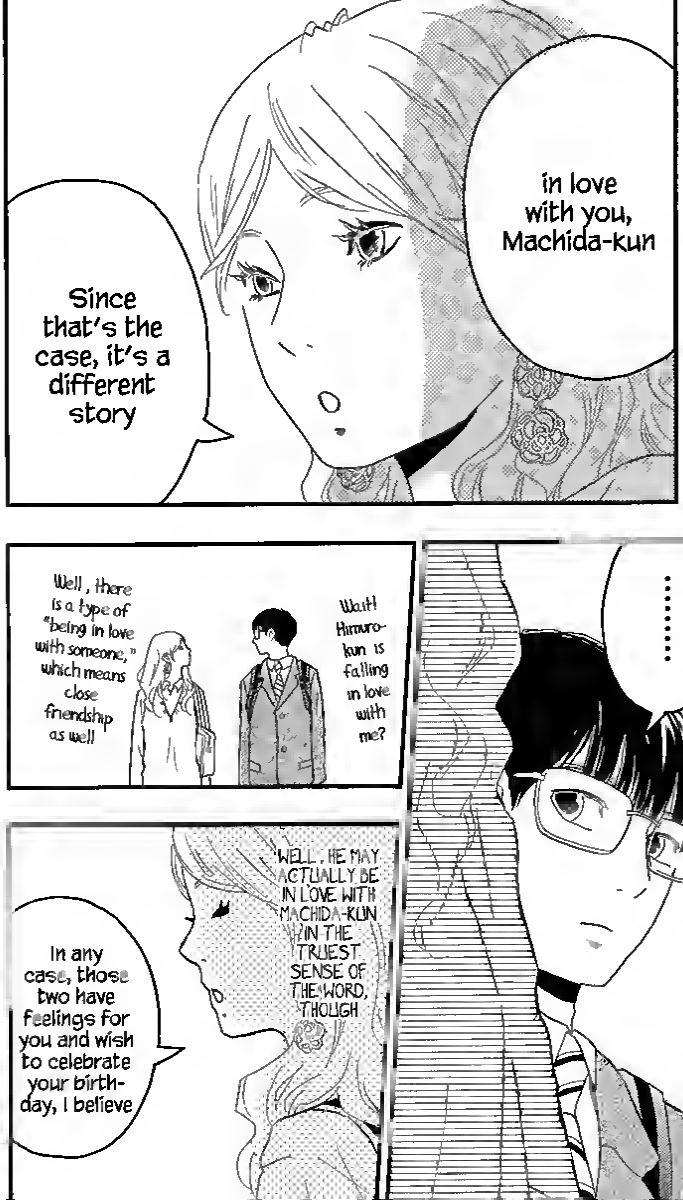
But if I had known earlier
I could give you a little birthday party. That would make me happy for sure
That's right
I also think that way, but...
Well, you know
Those two are


in love with you, Machida-kun
Since that's the case, it's a different story
Well, there is a type of "being in love with someone," which means close friendship as well
Wait! Himuro-kun is falling in love with me?
WELL, HE MAY ACTUALLY BE IN LOVE WITH MACHIDA-KUN IN THE TRUEST SENSE OF THE WORD, THOUGH
In any case, those two have feelings for you and wish to celebrate your birthday, I believe
.....

.....
Really
Really?
.....
Why?

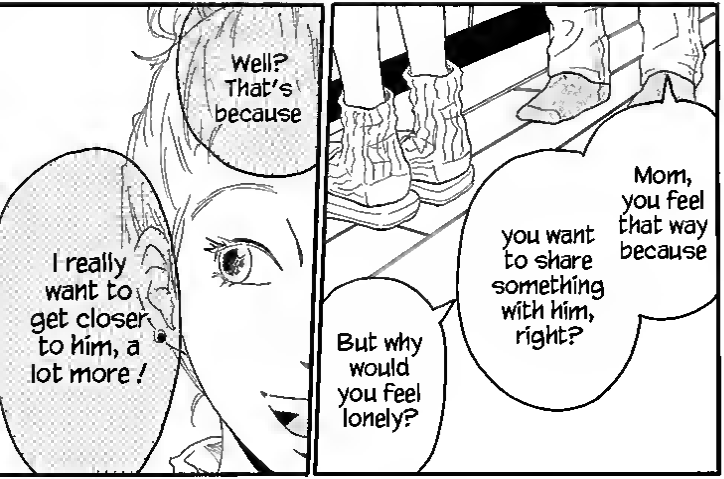
I do understand that they have strong feelings for me and want to celebrate my birthday

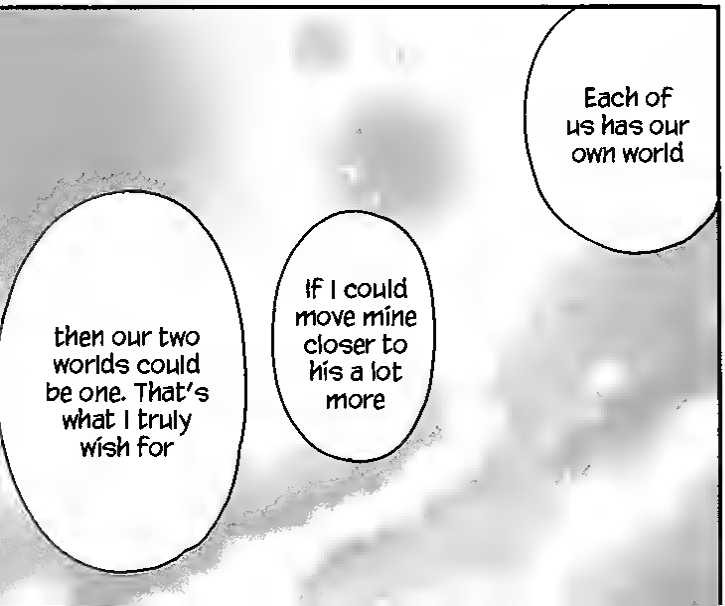
But how?

How is this feeling closely related to loneliness?

In love ...?
Mom
.....
Hmm?
When dad and you were dating
Let's say Dad hadn't told you when his birthday was and you missed a chance to do something for him as a result. How would you feel?
.....
Hmm?
Well —?

.....
I would definitely be shocked first of all
.....
I would wonder why he didn't think of sharing such a special day with me. It would be shocking
.....
Share...
And then I would feel lonely


Mom, you feel that way because
you want to share something with him, right?
But why would you feel lonely?
Well? That's because
I really want to get closer to him, a lot more!


Each of us has our own world
If I could move mine closer to his a lot more
then our two worlds could be one. That's what I truly wish for

It's rather strange, isn't it?
Indeed, it's such a strange feeling, all right.
So
What's up!
You've got a girlfriend now!?
No, I don't.

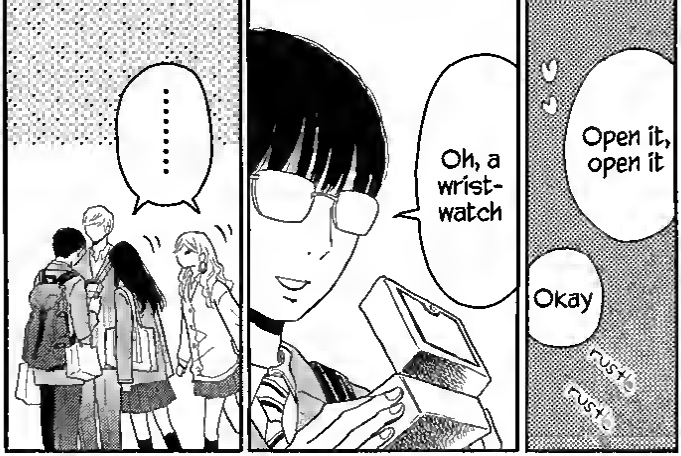
What-
You misled me—
!!!
.....
Shar-
ing

Machida-
kun

...Hm

She isn't angry with me?
Inohara-san

Thank you so much
Even if it's just a bit
Himuro-kun, too...
Thank you
Here! A birthday present!
Ma-chida-kun~ !
if she wishes to get closer to me...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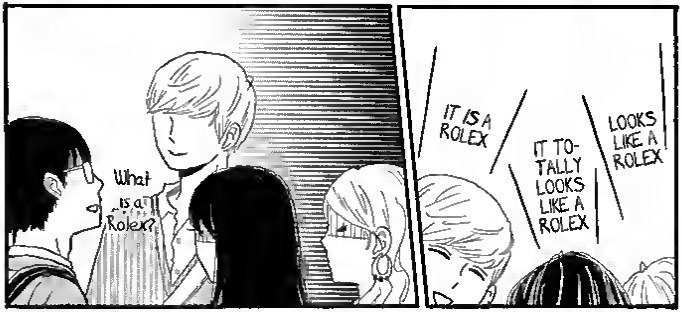
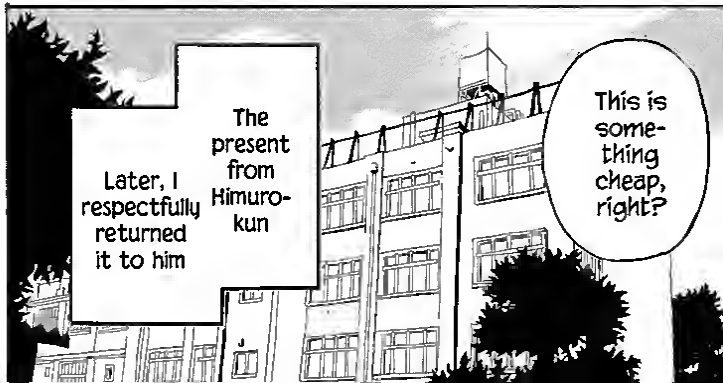
Oh, a wrist-watch
Open it, open it
Okay
PUSH
PUSH


What is a Rolex?
IT IS A ROLEX
IT TOTALLY LOOKS LIKE A ROLEX
LOOKS LIKE A ROLEX


Later, I respectfully returned it to him
The present from Himuro-kun
This is something cheap, right?